

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. B-3743

Magi No. 0437436727

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sisters of Bon Secours Hospital

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2001 Fayette Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☐ building(s)
☐ structure
☒ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both
Public Acquisition
☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☐ occupied
☒ unoccupied
☐ work in progress
Accessible
☐ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☒ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

☐ museum
☐ park
☐ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sisters of Bon Secours

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

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city, town

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6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

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7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The north wing of the Bon Secours Hospital is a three story high brick structure with a full story lower level at grade. It is located along Fayette Street and is surrounded to the south by newer hospital buildings. A neo-Classical entrance with stone pediment and columns surmounts two flights of stairs. One over one windows usually grouped in pairs punctuate the building walls. The windows have stone sills and brick lintels with stone blocks at the window corners. A wide, simply decorated cornice and parapet brick wall completes the front facade. Two of the first floor windows just to the right of the entrance feature double arches, but these are the only windows on the facade styled in this manner. Newer buildings adjoin this structure on the sides. The rear is not visible except for a small court between this structure and the hospital's new building on West Baltimore Street. The interior of the building has been modernized; it is doubtful if any important architectural features remain.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

| Specific dates | 1919 | Builder/Architect |
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| check: Applicable Criteria: | <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | |
| and/or | | |
| Applicable Exception: | <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| Level of Significance: | <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The order of nuns which run the hospital, the Sisters of Bon Secours, was established in Paris in 1824. One of the purposes of the order was to care for the sick. While honeymooning in Paris, a Baltimore couple, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Whedbee, came into contact with the order when Mrs. Whedbee became ill. The Whedbees were favorably received by the Sisters of Bon Secours and called their attention to Archbishop Gibbons upon their return to Baltimore. Years later when the archbishop was visiting Rome, he stopped off in Paris and requested that some nuns of the order be sent to Baltimore. On May 8, 1881, three of the Sisters of Bon Secours sailed to America to establish the first American branch of the order in Baltimore.

The order was first housed at McColloh and Hoffman Streets before the founding of a headquarters on West Baltimore Street. The hospital was opened in 1919 and was funded by a generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Jenkins. The north wing of the hospital was the first hospital building constructed for the Sisters of Bon Secours in Baltimore. The architect of the building is not known.

George C. Jenkins, the philanthropist who funded this building, was a confederate soldier in the Civil War. He fought at the battle of Gettysburg. He was an important financier in the City and was on the board of directors of a number of important local institutions such as the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and Savings Bank of Baltimore. Because of his important philanthropic endeavors he was made a Knight of Saint Gregory by Pope Pius XI. Jenkins (1836-1930) also provided the funding for Loyola College's first science building.

The hospital rapidly grew and a new wing was built west of the hospital in 1924. After World War II, the hospital served the surrounding West Baltimore community delivering many of the babies born during the 'baby boom'. With a change in the racial make-up of the community and

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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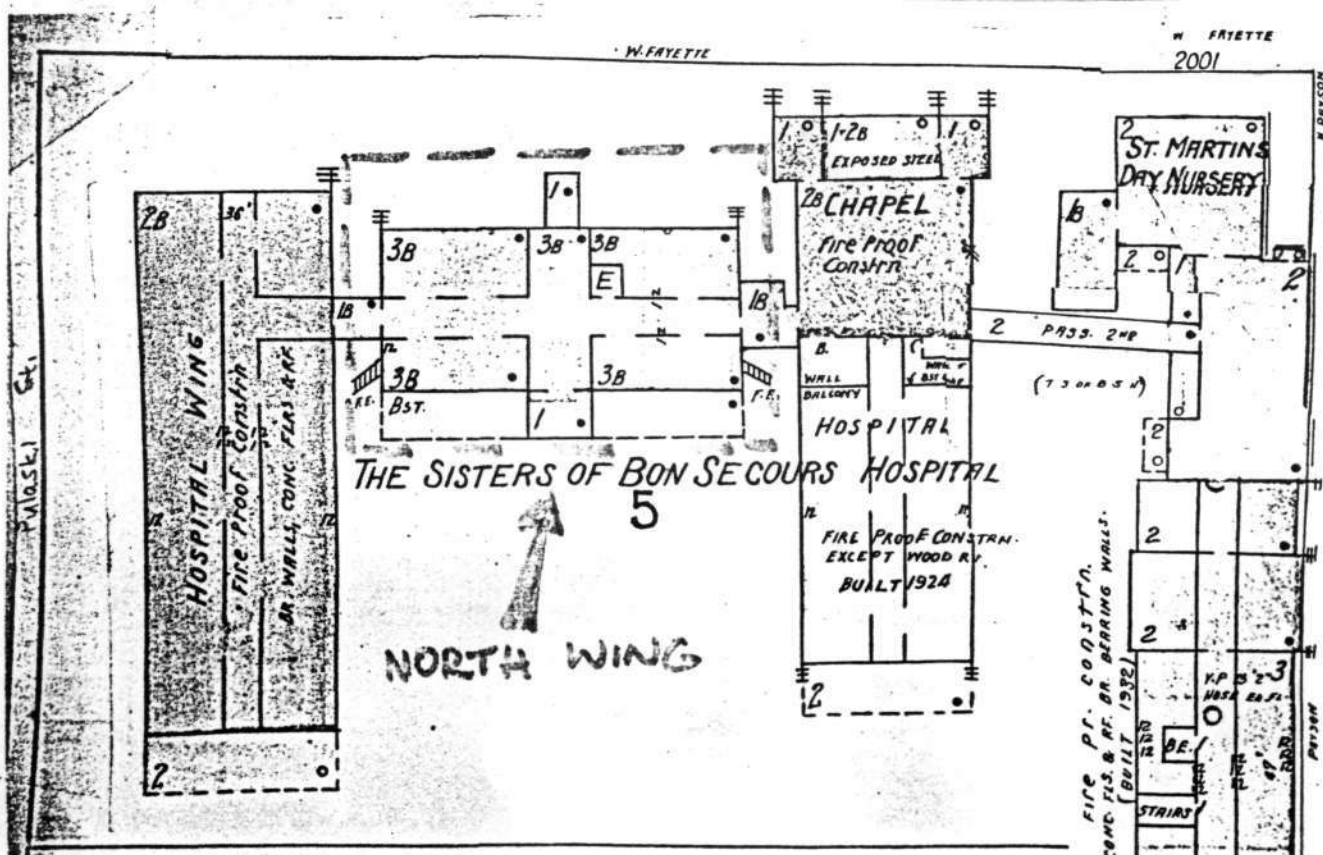
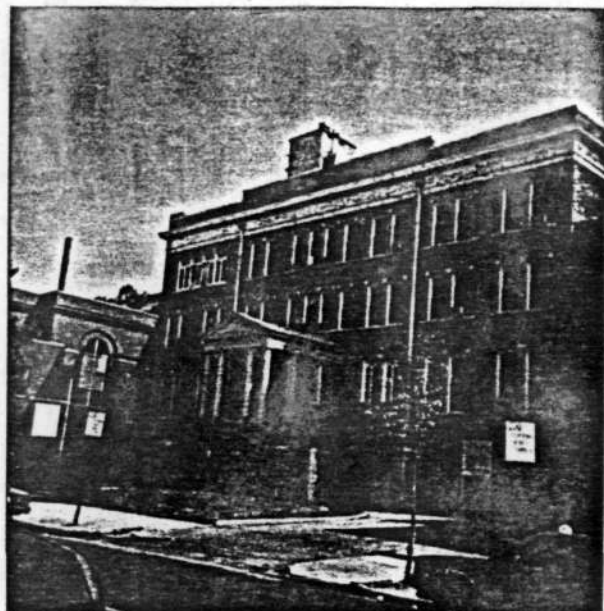
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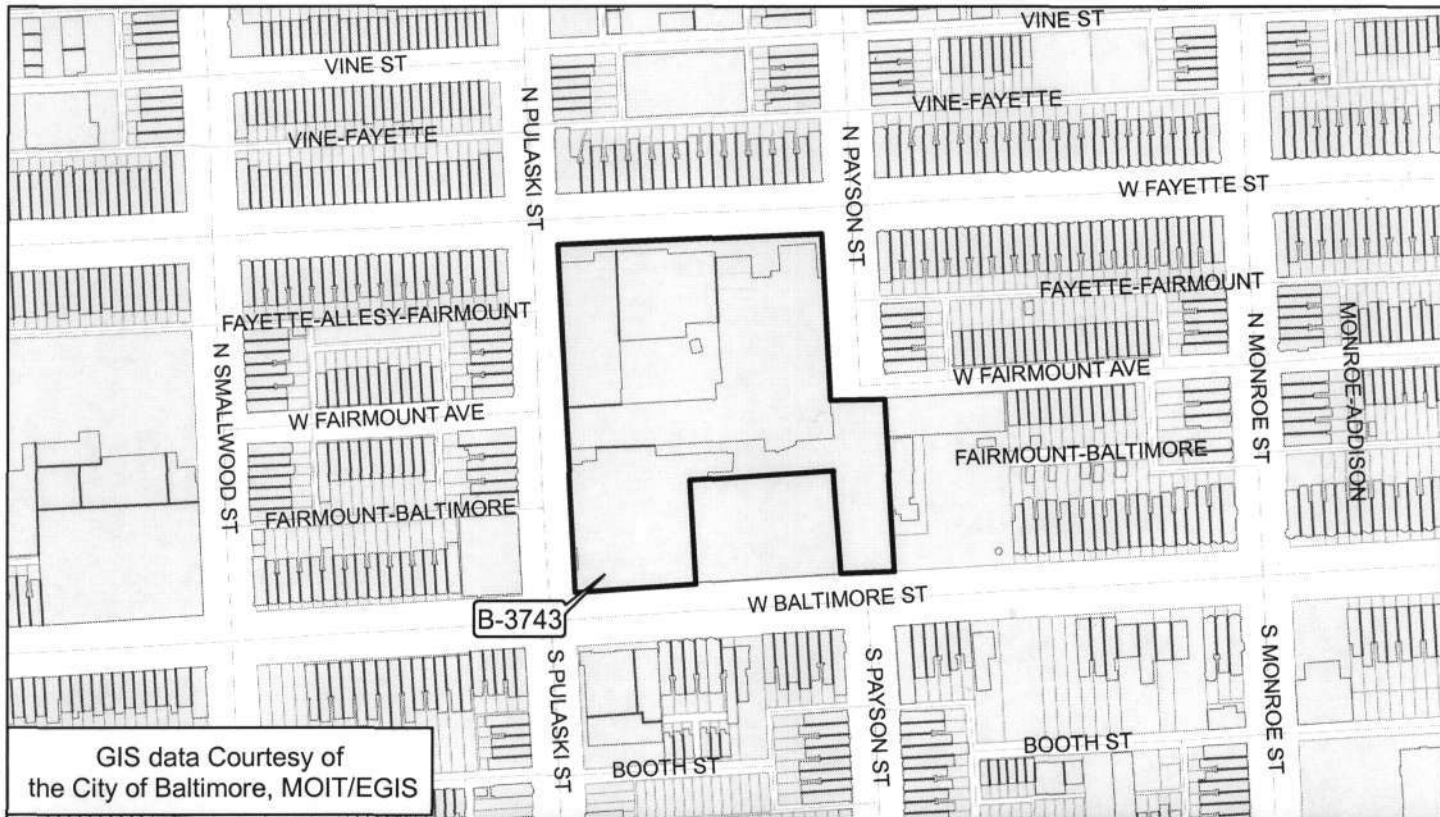
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the integration of the hospital's staff, many white patients sought health care at nearby suburban hospitals. The hospital remained in the City to care for West Baltimore's poor black population. It has expanded its outreach services which include: the West Baltimore Community Health Center, Fayette House for Alcoholics, West End Drug Abuse Program, Well Baby Clinic, Washington Village Medical Center, and the Primary Care Center in the Edmonson Area. Today the hospital treats seriously ill patients in its newer facilities including the southern Building which opened in 1971. The north wing is now used for out patient services.

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Baltimore West Quad.



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